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SUBJECT: MEETING OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF UN
CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

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1. EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER DISCUSSED SUBJECT MEETING WITH
MS BEATRICE RANGEL MANTILLA, CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH (CONICIT). MS RANGEL WAS ADVISED
OF MAKEUP OF US DELEGATION AND US APPROACH TO MEETING PER
REFTEL.

2. MS RANGEL SAID VENEZUELAN DELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED
BY DR HECTOR PARADISI, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CONICIT.
DR PARADISI, FORMERLY CONICIT'S LEGAL COUNSEL, REPLACED
DR LUIS MATOS AZOCAR AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ABOUT A YEAR
AGO. HE IS IN HIS MID THIRTIES, A LAWYER AND HAS BEEN WITH
CONICIT FOR ABOUT SIX YEARS. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HE DOES NOT
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SPEAK ENGLISH. DUEPUTY HEAD OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE MS RANGEL
WHO HAS BEEN IN HER PRESENT POSITION SLIGHTLY LESS THAN A YEAR
AND HAS ATTENDED PREVIOUS SESSION OF THE PRPP COM. SHE IS AN
ECONOMIST, HAS ATTENDED BOSTON UNIVERSITY FOR STUDIES IN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH. OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE DR ANN-MARIE GRANT OF VENEZUELA'S
UN MISSION IN NEW YORK AND HERNANI ESCOBAR, ASSIGNED TO

VENEZUELA'S MISSION IN GENEVA.

3. MS RANGEL DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH US THINKING REGARDING THE PREP COM AND SAID SHE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE FIRST DRAFT OF VENEZUELA'S NATIONAL PAPER TO THE US DELEGATION (MR RIEMER). SHE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE QUESTION OF A BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE US DELEGATION IN GENEVA. SHE SAID SHE WOULD BE LEAVING FOR THE US ON JANUARY 14 TO TAKE PART IN A MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 1977 CALLED BY CONFERENCE SECRETARY GENERAL DA COSTA FOR JANUARY 16-17 IN NEW YORK. SHE WILL TRAVEL ON TO GENEVA JANUARY 17. MS RANGEL COMMENTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN KEEPING TRACK OF THE POSITIONS OF ALL OF THE INTERESTED COUNTRIES AND VARIOUS SUBJECT AREAS INVOLVED IN UNCSTD, SHE HAS DESIGNED AND IS USING A COMPUTER RETRIEVAL SYSTEM FOR THIS PURPOSE. VAKY

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